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Flavien BLANC *et al.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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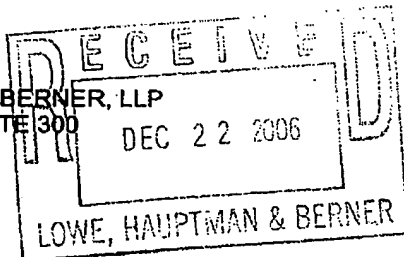
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This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/52491 10/11/2004

## Foreign Applications

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**Title**Cellular inverter with reduced switching distortion *rate***Preliminary Class**

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**4 November 2003**

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